

Leasing out Seeds and Leaves of Honge Trees.

READ THE FOLLOWING :—

- (1) Government Order No. 747—R. 113-92, dated the 14th July 1892, ap the action of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, directing the le of the honge trees standing on Government unoccupied lands at Rs. 1-12-0 per
- (2) Government Order No. 7517-24—R. E. 49-96, dated the 21st A directing the continuance of the practice of leasing out the honge trees sta Government unoccupied lands at Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees.
- (3) Government Order No. 12374-82—R. E. 18-05-3, dated the 26th M stating that there is no need to introduce any change in the existing practice.
- (4) Government Order No. R. 2143-72—L. R. 419-10-4, dated the 18t 1912, directing that both the leaves and seeds of honge trees be leased to or same person as an experiment for 3 years, the existing seigniorage rate on the le slightly enhanced at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioners.
- (5) Government Order No. R. 7188-96—L. R. 434-14-4, dated the 19t 1917, rejecting the prayer to reduce the rate to 12 annas or one rupee and acc recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner to continue the practice of leasi leaves and seeds to one and the same person at Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees, prefire given to local raiyats.
- (6) Government Order No. R. 972-81—L. R. 438-17-2, dated the 15th directing the continuance permanently of the system of leasing out the leaves a honge trees as ordered in Government Order of the 18th October 1912.
- (7) Government Order No. R. 3938-47—Ft. 176-19-4, dated the 18th 1920, directing the exclusion of both honge leaves and seeds from the category forest produce and their sale separately by the Forest Department preferably t
- (8) Government Order No. I. C. 4482-91—Ft. 230-20-19, dated the 17t 1922, directing that among other items honge seeds and leaves on kharab, asses gomal, gavtan and other lands reserved for communal purposes be included in t lists of the Revenue Department.
- (9) Government Order No. R. 2298-307—L. R. 205-22-2, dated the 20 ber 1922, directing among other matters that Amildars should conduct amaray person in the villages strictly according to rule.
- (10) Subject No. 56 of the Representative Assembly Proceedings of Oc on the subject.
- (11) Representation of the raiyats of Sidlaghatta Taluk to the Dewan tour in 1922.
- (12) Subject No. 7 (supplemental) of the Representative Assembly 1923.
- (13) Letter No. C. 119—22-23, dated the 14th December 1923, from t Commissioner in Mysore submitting a report in the matter.

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ORDER NO. R. 5475-84—L. R. 367-23-2, DATED 1ST MAY 1924

The question of the disposal of the leaves of honge trees on Govern has come up for the consideration of Government several times during th years. It was brought up in the Represe tative Assembly in 1890 and C approved in the order of 14th July 1892 read above of the action of the D missioner, Kolar District, in leasing out the honge trees in pursuance of th the people at Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees. At the Representative Assembly o member from Kolar urged that the system of selling the leaves and the pr ately was a source of inconvenience to the raiyats as there was no harmon between those who purchased the leaves and those who purchased the seed it was desirable to dispose of the produce along with the leaves to the raiya at first not inclined to change the existing practice, Government eventual in their order of 18th October 1912, the suggestion of leasing the two item one and the same person, the existing seigniorage on the leaves being slight at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner. This was ordered tenta period of three years in the first instance. The system was made permane 1918 on the recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner.

2. In Government Order No. R. 3938-47—Rt. 176-19-4, dated the 18th September 1920, Government directed the exclusion of both honge leaves and seeds from the category of minor forest produce and their sale separately by the Forest Department. Revenue Commissioner having proposed the inclusion of honge leaves and seeds in *amarayi*, the proposal was accepted in the Government Order of 17th February 1921 and the disposal of honge leaves and seeds was transferred to the Revenue Department in February 1922. In Government Order No. R. 2296-307—L. R. 205-2, dated the 20th November 1922, the practice of grasping for a nominal price, the *amarayi* was ordered to be discontinued and the *Amildars* were directed to put the *amarayi* sales in the villages strictly according to rules and keep proper record of such sales.

3. The inconvenience of the present system was represented to the Dewan in his letter to the Kolar District in August 1922 and the revival of the leasing system was urged in the Representative Assembly of October 1922 and October 1923.

4. The Deputy Commissioner of Kolar urges that it will be very prejudicial to interests of the raiyats to dispose of "Honge leaves" on a strictly commercial basis, that it is necessary to continue the practice of leasing the trees except where villagers do not want them, in which case they may be sold by auction. The Revenue Commissioner supports the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner, and recommends that the *seigniorage* may be raised from Rs. 1-12-0 to Rs. 2-8-0 per 100 trees in view of the changed conditions.

5. Government observe that there is no uniform practice obtaining at present in matter of letting the usufruct of honge trees in Government lands. Government directed to accept the Revenue Commissioner's recommendation and direct that hereafter the usufruct of honge trees on Government lands outside State and Village *stabs* be reserved to the resident raiyats of the villages concerned on payment of Rs. 2-8-0 per 100 trees and sold by auction when the villagers do not avail themselves of a concession.

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ANNEXURE.

For C. No. 119—22-23, dated 14th—17th December 1923, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department.

Adverting to subject No. 23 on page 20 of the Tour Notes of the Dewan relating to Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts re giving honge leaves, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No. H. C. 272-23-24, dated 17th October 1923, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, stating that no uniform practice obtains in District with regard to disposal of honge leaves and that it is very desirable to continue the practice of leasing out the "Honge leaves" except where the villagers do not want them in which case they may be sold by public auction and to state as follows:—

2. As per several Government Orders ending with No. R. 972-81—L. R. 7-2, dated 15th July 1918, "Honge leaves and seeds" on Government unenclosed lands were being leased out at Rs. 1-12-0 per hundred trees or at slightly lower rates at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioners where necessary. In Government Order No. I. C. 4432-91—Rt. 230-25-19, dated 17th February 1922 "Honge seeds and leaves" were ordered to be included as one of the items of Village *stabs* and in G. O. No. R. 2276-307—L. R. 205-22-2, dated the 20th November 1922, it has been laid down that all *amarayi* should be sold by auction. Hence it may be inferred that "Honge seeds and leaves" should also be sold by auction if leased out as hitherto. The Deputy Commissioner of Kolar is of opinion that it would be very prejudicial to the interests of the ryots to dispose of "Honge leaves" on a strict commercial basis as it is very valuable to them and that it is